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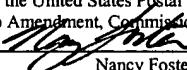
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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/979,558) Group Art Unit: 1634
Int'l Filing Date: May 25, 2000) Examiner: Juliet C. Switzer
§ 371 Date: March 18, 2002)
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METHODS FOR DETECTING)
NOVEL PSYCHROTROPHIC)
BACTERIUM (as amended))

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicants now reply to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2005 ("Action"). A Petition for Two Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are filed herewith. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amended claims, and consideration of the remarks herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendments section of this paper at page 6.